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AMEMBASSY MBABANE

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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: PINT, LT, CH

SUBJECT: GOL FOREIGN MINISTER TO VISIT PRC

1. FOREIGN MINISTER HAS TOLD AMBASSADOR IN CONFIDENCE, IN CONTEXT OF CONVERSATION ABOUT GENERAL SOUTHERN AFRICA SITUATION, THAT HE AND HIS WIFE HAD ACCEPTED INVITATION TO VISIT PRC IN MAY. KOTSOKOANE SAID SINCE U.S. HAD TAKEN STEPS TOWARD NORMALIZING RELATIONS WITH CHINA, HE SAW NOTHING WRONG WITH HIS PAYING A VISIT WHICH WOULD BE FOR OBSERVATION AND EXPLORATION ONLY.

2. ALTHOUGH NEWS OF KOTSOKOANE'S VISIT, WHEN IT BECOMES PUBLIC, WILL CAUSE SOME JITTERS IN REPUBLIC OF CHINA EMBASSY HERE, WE WOULD CAUTION AGAINST READING TOO MUCH INTO IT AT THIS STAGE. ALTHOUGH LESOTHO UNDOUBTEDLY FEELS INCREASINGLY DRAWN TOWARD THIRD WORLD AND THEREFORE TOWARD PRC, IT ALSO REALIZES SOME PRACTICAL ADVANTAGES FROM ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH TAIWAN, FROM WHICH IT OBTAINS CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF AID, FOR THE SHORT RUN AT LEAST, IT IS LIKELY THAT GOL WILL MAINTAIN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ROC.  
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